Loans Disbursed by banks in Nagaland

1453. SHRI T.R. ZELIANG: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state the details of the loans disbursed by the nationalized Banks for agricultural purposes to the farmers, small scale units and artisans in the State of Nagaland during the last three years, bank-wise and year-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI S.S. PALANIMANICKAM): Bank-wise details of loans disbursed for agricultural purposes to the farmers, small scale units and artisans in the State of Nagaland during the year 2001-02, 2002-03 and 2003-04 by Nationalized Banks is given in the statement.

Adverse Impact of Implementation of VAT

1454. SHRI KARNENDU BHATTACHARJEE: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the implementation of Value Added Tax (VAT) system will have adverse impact on prices of diesel, kerosene, petrol, eco-friendly CNG, rice, pulses and other essential items;

(b) if so, what is the expected amount of increase in prices of various items covered under VAT; and

(c) Government's reaction about adverse impact on its implementation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI S.S. PALANIMANICKAM): (a) to (c) VAT is a State level tax reform measure which is proposed to be implemented by States in *lieu of* the existing Sales Tax system. Under the VAT regime, cascading of taxes is eliminated by providing input tax credit leading to less tax burden, which means VAT should not lead to increase in prices. This is also corroborated by the international experience. Moreover, the Empowered Committee of State Finance Ministers has also decided that after the introduction of VAT, each State should set up a VAT Cell, *inter-alia*, to monitor price movements of goods.

Statement

Details of Loans disbursed by Public sector Banks for Agriculture, SSI and Artisans in Nagaland (Provisional Data)

SECTORS	SBI		ALLAHABAD		BOB		CENTRAL BANK		P & SIND BANK		UNITED BANK		VIJAYA BANK		TOTAL	
	No of A/c	Amount	No of A/c	Amount	No of A/c	Amount	No of A/c	Amount	No of A/c	Amount	No. of A/c	Amount	No of A/c	Amount	No of A/c	Amount
Year ended June 2002																
Agriculture	3941	26583	117	1089	42	837	96	1913	14	189	820	2161	158	6972	5188	39744
SSI	142	7801	3	24	11	1247	59	3372	2	1000	0	0	17	2273	234	15717
Artisans	59	2509	3	30	9	180	23	1464	0	0	0	0	0	0	94	4183
Year ended June 2003																
Agriculture	972	14948	113	886	29	1208	62	1478	11	245	772	2237	66	10889	2025	31901
SSI	612	58215	1	12	15	10287	65	3142	7	831	0	0	6	1423	706	73910
Artisans	0	0	3	24	0	0	39	1712	0	0	2	37	0	0	44	1773
Year ended June 2004																
Agriculture	Data		Data		Data		Data		54	979	765	2197	135	27525	954	30701
SSI	being		being		being		being		7	974	0	0	7	1460	14	2434
Artisans	collected		collected		collected		collected		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0